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BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY,

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SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 15, 1913.

[This publication is designed to disseminate information and instructions to persons in the service of the Bureau of Animal Industry and to proprietors of establishments at which the Federal meat inspection is conducted. It is not intended for general distribution to the public. A supply will be sent to each official in charge of a station or branch of the bureau service, who should promptly distribute copies to members of his force. A file should be kept at each station for reference.]

CHANGES IN DIRECTORY.

The following changes have been made since those indicated in Service Announcements of February 15, 1913:

Meat Inspection Inaugurated.

*88. Rosenthal Native Dressed Beef Co., Augusta, Ga.

20V. The Sulzberger & Sons Co. of America, 94–96 Lewis Street, Binghamton, N. Y.

*877. Kern Packing Co., 92 Presumpscot Street, East Deering, Me.

Meat Inspection Discontinued.

2WW. Armour & Co., 60 Prospect Avenue, Binghamton, N. Y.

6R. Eutaw Beef Co., 400–402 South Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md.

6X. Swift & Co., 136–140 Pleasant Street, Lynn, Mass.

139. Frank & Hoffman Co., St. Paul, Minn.

*158. Morristown Packing Co., Morristown, Tenn.

*164. Greeneville Packing Co., Greeneville, Tenn.

*180. Jefferson City Packing Co., Jefferson City, Tenn.

Changes in Firm Names.

*359. Bimbler Co., Turnpike Road, Kearney, N. J., instead of Bimbler, Van Wagenen & Co.

459. Swift & Co., the Van Wagenen & Schickhaus Co., subsidiary, 30 Plane Street, Newark, N. J., instead of Van Wagenen & Schickhaus Co.

*684. Empire Packing Co., Broadway and Regal Streets, Spokane, Wash., instead of Mitchem Bros. Packing Co.

* Conducts slaughtering.

Change in Firm Address.

*735. S. W. Gall, 2119–2125 Freeman Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, instead of 419 Findlay Street.

Changes of Officials in Charge.

Auburn, Me., Dr. L. K. Green, instead of Dr. W. M. Goff.
Burlington, Vt., Dr. W. M. Goff, instead of Dr. R. O. Brock.
Columbus, Ohio, Dr. H. H. George, instead of Dr. L. P. Beechy.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dr. G. W. Butler, instead of Dr. H. H. George.
Lafayette, Ind., Dr. L. P. Beechy, instead of Dr. G. W. Butler.
New Haven, Conn., Dr. R. O. Brock, instead of Dr. L. K. Green.
Salt Lake City, Utah, Dr. F. E. Murray has been placed in charge of the meat-inspection work as well as the live-stock work.

Stations Discontinued.

Greeneville, Tenn.
Jefferson City, Tenn.

Name Removed from Address List.

Dr. G. D. Painter, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Interstate Inspection of Cattle and Horses.

Fort Worth, Tex., and Rockford, Ill., have been added to the list of stations at which interstate inspection of cattle and horses for contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases will be conducted.

Scabies Eradication, Etc., in Oklahoma and Texas.

All work connected with the control and eradication of scabies in cattle or sheep in the States of Oklahoma and Texas, as well as the inspection and testing at Amarillo, Tex., of cattle and horses for interstate movement, has been placed under the direction of Dr. L. J. Allen, Fort Worth, Tex. Communications and reports relating to this work should be sent to Dr. Allen instead of to Mr. Albert Dean, Kansas City, Mo., who formerly had direction of the work above mentioned.

DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS, ORDERS, ETC., CONTINUED IN FORCE.

Department of Agriculture,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, D. C., March 6, 1913.

General Order No. 175.

To all officers and employees of the Department of Agriculture:

It is hereby ordered that all rules, regulations, general orders, circulars, purchase orders, letters of authorization, fiscal regulations, contracts, leases, and agreements heretofore issued by the Secretary of Agriculture and in force on March 5, 1913, will continue in force and operation until otherwise changed.

D. F. Houston,
Secretary of Agriculture.

Attest:
C. C. Clark,
Chief Clerk.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING MEAT INSPECTION.

Sausage and Cereal.

The frequent finding of cereal in sausage marked to show that no cereal is present indicates the necessity for greater care in the preparation of the product.

Hereafter all equipment and utensils used in preparing sausage to which cereal is added shall be thoroughly freed of such sausage before being used in the preparation of sausage which is to be marked indicating the absence of cereal. For the purpose of properly removing the sausage the machinery shall be dismantled and washed so as to remove all cereal therefrom.

Copper Kettles for Cooking Meats and Products.

The use of unprotected copper kettles for cooking meats and meat food products is not permitted in official establishments. The use of copper kettles the surfaces of which are plated with tin, so as to prevent the meat and meat juices from coming into contact with the copper, is allowed. Inspectors shall carefully observe the condition of such kettles, so that none in need of replating may be used in the preparation of meats and meat food products.

Brass Brands.

Inspectors in charge are again directed to forward to the Washington office all obsolete and worthless brass or rubber brands, in order that they may be properly disposed of. Brands which have become slightly mutilated and do not make legible marks should also be forwarded for repairs.

All brands should, as far as possible, be forwarded by mail in convenient packages, not to exceed 4 pounds in weight, and be accompanied by a letter setting forth whether they are returned for repairs or other disposal. It should also be stated whether any new brands are required to replace those unfit for use; and if so, how many.

In all cases where brands forwarded to the Washington office for repairs have not yet been returned, requisition should be made at once for the necessary new ones to replace them.

Coloring Matter for Oleomargarin, Etc.

It has been ruled by the Solicitor that the shipment from an official establishment of capsules of permitted coloring matter with oleomargin or similar product does not constitute an offense under the meat-inspection act. However, no prohibited dye or coloring matter shall be forwarded with such product, nor shall any of these prohibited substances be permitted in any official establishment.

Reporting on I. D. Form 112.

It is not necessary to render an I. D. Form 112 report for days when there is nothing to report but suspects "in pens from previous day" or suspect or retained carcasses "held over from previous kill" and which are not disposed of. However, these should be included in each I. D. Form 112 report rendered, showing other work, until date of final disposition.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION, JANUARY, 1913.

Stations.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Goats.	Swine.
Chicago	149,229	25,925	368,135	1,195	703,027
Kansas City	87,344	11,871	136,003	532	313,444
National Stock Yards	37,312	16,298	63,645	606	131,135
South Omaha	51,135	2,724	154,015	979	225,285
South St. Joseph	24,447	1,894	42,934	44	170,011
All other establishments	272,277	80,569	427,753	1,320	2,165,184
Total	621,744	139,281	1,192,485	4,676	3,708,086

CONVICTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF LAWS.

Twenty-eight-Hour Law.

The following results of prosecutions for violations of the twenty-eight-hour law have been reported to the bureau during the period from February 11 to March 10, 1913.

No. cases.	Defendant.	Fine.
3	Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R. Co.	$354.81
1	Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ry. Co.	100.00
1	Illinois Central R. R. Co.	119.33
1	Union Pacific R. R. Co.	158.01

Meat-Inspection Law.

In the cases of the United States *v.* Charles B. Sammis, Hamburg, N. J., for violating the meat-inspection act in shipping immature calf carcasses in interstate trade, the defendant entered a plea of non vult and the court imposed a fine of $100, which was paid.

In the case of the United States *v.* Willard Forshee, Vernon, N. Y., for violating the meat-inspection act in shipping immature calf carcasses in interstate trade, the defendant entered a plea of non vult and the court imposed a fine of $50, which was paid.

LIVE-STOCK QUARANTINE LAW.

The act of Congress approved March 4, 1913, making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, contains the following provision:

"That hereafter all the provisions of the said act approved March 3, 1905, shall apply to any railroad company or other common carrier whose road or line forms any part of a route over which cattle or other live stock are transported in the course of shipment from any quarantined State or Territory or the District of Columbia or from the quarantined portion of a State or Territory or the District of Columbia into any other State or Territory or the District of Columbia."

By virtue of this provision, connecting carriers which transport cattle originating in a quarantined area are amenable to prosecution as well as the carriers which receive cattle within the quarantined area for transportation. Bureau employees are therefore directed to secure evidence of violations of the act of March 3, 1905, by connecting carriers as well as by initial carriers, committed subsequent to March 4, 1913.

SUBSTANCE PERMITTED FOR OFFICIAL DIPPING OF SHEEP.

Correction.—In Service Announcements for February 15, 1913, page 12, under the heading "Substances permitted for official dipping of sheep," the name "Krenol Dip" should read "Krenol Dip and Disinfectant." The third paragraph as corrected should therefore read as follows:

"*Krenol Dip and Disinfectant,*" a coal-tar creosote dip, manufactured for the Furst-McNess Co., Freeport, Ill. Dilution permitted, 1 gallon to not more than 71 gallons of water.

INSPECTION AND TESTING OF ANIMALS FOR CANADA.

The following changes have been made in the list of practicing veterinarians registered by the bureau and authorized to inspect and test with mallein horses, mules, and asses intended for export to Canada:

Names Added to List.

Dr. L. Hay, Faribault, Minn.
Dr. Henry W. Riley, La Grande, Oreg.
Dr. Thos. H. Hicks, Milbank, S. Dak.
Dr. M. R. Higbee, 323 Newton Street, Albert Lea, Minn.

Names Removed from List.

Dr. G. E. Uehran, Atlantic, Iowa.
Dr. J. J. L. Heldring, Pullman, Wash.

CLINICAL THERMOMETERS.

Clinical thermometers will not ordinarily be furnished with individual certificates. All instruments will be tested by the Bureau of Standards, and a memorandum of such test will accompany each shipment, unless the instruments in a shipment show a perfect reading at all points or are accompanied by individual certificates. In case the actual test of any particular thermometer is desired, its number should be furnished to the bureau. This does not apply to instruments furnished prior to February 14, 1913.

ATTESTATION OF ACCOUNTS.

The attention of all employees concerned is directed to the following interpretation which the Comptroller of the Treasury has given to the act of Congress approved August 24, 1912, whereby certain employees of the Government are empowered to administer oaths to accounts for travel and other expenses against the department:

That provision of the act authorizing such oaths to be administered by "chief clerks of the various executive departments and bureaus, or clerks designated by them for the purpose," is understood to have reference to the executive departments at Washington and bureaus thereof. Had Congress intended to give an unlimited power to these chief clerks to designate other clerks to administer such oaths, regardless of the latter's service or location, it would appear to have been unnecessary to further enumerate, as the act does, the following clerks, viz, "principal clerks of the various national parks and other Government reservations * * * and principal clerks of the different Indian superintendencies or Indian agencies."

In future jurats to accounts for travel or other expenses against the Department of Agriculture will not be accepted if made before clerks not in the department at Washington or other persons not designated by section 8 of the act approved August 24, 1912, unless such other persons are otherwise empowered to administer oaths, for which no reimbursement will be allowed.

PREPARATION OF TIME REPORTS, PAY ROLLS, AND SALARY VOUCHERS.

The instructions in Service Announcements for December 15, 1912, pages 113 to 115, concerning time reports and pay vouchers, are changed in accordance with the following:

1. When necessary to submit the salary claim of an employee on a separate voucher, Form 3, because of two or more appropriations being involved, a short notation should be made in the space for "Remarks." For example:

Meat-inspection appropriation.....23 days ....$.....
Inspection and quarantine appropriation..... 3 days ....$.....
Dairy-industry appropriation..... 4 days ....$.....

The particular class of work should be omitted from the salary voucher, as that will be shown on the Form T–15 report.

2. The names of employees whose salary claims are submitted on Form 3 vouchers, as indicated in the preceding paragraph, should be carried on the regular time report but in a group separate from those whose names appear on the regular pay roll.

3. A single pay roll may be submitted for two or more appropriations, provided the employees carried under each appropriation have been engaged for the entire month on work that is chargeable to the particular fund under which their names appear on the roll. In such cases, however, the employees should be grouped according to the appropriations, with proper headings, and three or four blank lines left between each group.

APPROPRIATION AT HEADING OF VOUCHER TO BE OMITTED.

The attention of inspectors in charge and others is invited to the printed instruction "Leave blank" under the waved line following the word "Appropriation" in the heading of all pay rolls, salary vouchers, and reimbursement accounts. In the future this space should be left blank, leaving to the bureau Office of Accounts the responsibility of indicating the appropriation from which the roll, voucher, or account is to be paid.

PUBLICATIONS IN FEBRUARY.

[Publications intended for employees are sent in bulk to inspectors in charge at the different stations, and no mailing list of individual employees is kept. Owing to the limited editions and the large number of bureau employees, as a rule only sufficient copies are sent to supply the more important employees. Requests from any employee for publications, however, will be complied with as far as practicable. Regulations will be supplied to inspectors in charge as freely as may be required for official use.]

Bulletin 164. Dairy Herd Records. (From 1899 to 1908, inclusive.) A digest prepared by the Dairy Division from data collected by W. D. Hoard. Pp. 57.

Amendment 7 to B. A. I. Order 143. Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture Governing the Inspection, Disinfection, Certification, Treatment, Handling, and Method and Manner of Delivery and Shipment of Live Stock which is the Subject of Interstate Commerce.

Amends regulation 17 of amendment 4 to B. A. I. Order 143, relating to the interstate movement of cattle from the area quarantined for splenetic fever.

Amendment 14 to B. A. I. Order 146. To Prevent the Spread of Scabies in Sheep.

Releases from quarantine on account of scabies in sheep certain counties in California and Nevada.

Amendment 4 to B. A. I. Order 150. Regulations governing the Meat Inspection of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Adds two new sections to regulation 18, governing the marking of meat and meat food products in establishments where inspection is maintained.

B. A. I. Order 194. To Prevent the Spread of Splenetic, Southern, or Texas Fever in Cattle.

Defines the areas quarantined to prevent the spread of Texas fever in cattle and describes general provisions under which cattle can be moved interstate.

Amendment 1 to B. A. I. Order 194. To Prevent the Spread of Splenetic Fever in Cattle.

Amendment regarding the return of cattle of the nonquarantined area that are exhibited at the National Feeders' and Breeders' Show at Fort Worth, Tex., March 8 to 15, 1913.

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Approved:

D. F. Houston,

Secretary of Agriculture.